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For:

OPTICAL GLASS, PRECISION PRESS MOLDING PREFORM AND METHOD OF

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MANUFACTURING THE SAME

<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u> <u>UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98</u>

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